

New High Visibility Safety Vest Requirements for Drivers

BACKGROUND: The compliance deadline for the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) new rule requiring workers within the right-of-way of any federal aid highway to wear high visibility safety vests was November 24, 2008. Congress required the FHWA to adopt the new rule pursuant to Section 1402 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) enacted in 2005. The purpose of the rule is to decrease the likelihood of fatalities or injuries to workers on foot who are exposed to traffic while working within the rights-of-way of federal-aid highways.

More Information:

U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Work Zone Mobility and Safety Program

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